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SUBJ: US-JAPAN AGREEMENT ON ENERGY R&D

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1. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED BOTH FONOFF AND MITI OF USG RECEPTIVITY TO VISIT OF PROJECT SUNSHINE OFFICIALS, WHO APPRECIATED FORTHCOMING US ATTITUDE. MITI ALSO INFORMED OF STRONG US PREFERENCE FOR EARLY MARCH RATHER THAN LATE FEBRUARY DATE. FYI: IN INFORMING GOJ AGENCIES OF US RESPONSE, EMBOFFS STOPPED SHORT OF DEFINITE ASSURANCE THAT REQUESTED VISIT WAS ACCEPTABLE, STRESSING OUR DESIRE THAT NEGOTIATIONS ON R&D AGREEMENT MOVE QUICKLY AND THAT GAP, IF ANY, BETWEEN MITI VISIT AND CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT BE A SHORT ONE. END FYI.

2. NAOZO MABUCHI, DIRECTOR OF GENERAL AFFAIRS DIVISION, AIST, WHO IS AIST OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR IINTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS, AND WHO REQUESTED VISIT, WILL BE MEMBER OF JAPANESE DELEGATION TO WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE. MABUCHI WILL PROBABLY ATTEMPT TO CONTACT BLOOM OF SCI TO DISCUSS VISIT ARRANGEMENTS.

3. ON SUBJECT OF ENERGY R&D AGREEMENT ITSELF, STA OFFICIAL INFORMED
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SCICOUNS THAT FONOFF HOLDING INTERMINISTERIAL MEETING AFTERNOON OF

FEB 6 IN EFFORT TO REACH GOJ AGREEMENT ON RESPONSE TO MOST RECENT US DRAFT, IN HOPE THAT UDAGAWA, CHIEF OF FONOFF INTERNATIONAL RESOURCES DIV AND PRINCIPAL NEGOTIATOR ON ENERGY RGD AGREEMENT, WHO IS ALSO MEMBER OF JAPANESE DELEGATION TO ENERGY CONFERENCE, CAN BRING COORDINATED RESPONSE TO WASHINGTON. STA OFFICIAL ALSO INDICATED THAT UDAGAWA MIGHT STAY BEYOND CONFERENCE CLOSING TO PURSUE DISCUSSIONS ON AGREEMENT WITH DEPT.

4. ACCORDING TO STA OFFICIAL, PRINCIPAL GOJ SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES ON AGREEMENT CONTINUE TO BE (A) US DESIRE FOR INCLUSION OF "COORDINATION OF SPECIFIC RESEARCH PROJECTS..." ARTICLE II (D) AND INCLUSION ADDITIONAL PHRASE IN ARTICLE II (E) , WHICH GOJ ALMOST CERTAINLY HAS CONCLUDED WOULD BRING AGREEMENT INTO CONFLICT WITH LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY AND REQUIRE SUBMISSION OF AGREEMENT TO DIET; (B) INFORMATION AND PATENT PROVISION, ARTICLE VI; AND (C) TERMINATION PROVISION, ARTICLE IX. BOTH OF LATTER ALSO APPARENTLY RAISE ISSUES OF STATUTORY AUTHORITY OF GOJ AGENCIES.

5. EMBASSY WILL REPORT RESULTS OF INTERMINISTERIAL MEETING WHEN AVAILABLE.
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